



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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"The oldest continuously operating Amateur Radio Club in the United States"

December 2007 Newsletter

Upcoming Meetings:

January 11: Digital Television, and it's effect on Ham Radio, presented by Jim Rinehart, K9RU. Annual Chili Cookoff

February 8: Legacy Radio. **If you have any "old time" radio pictures, get them to Dave Miller, K9RTT, at the January meeting, so they can be scanned for the presentation.**

Highlights of the December 14, 2007 meeting:

There were approximately 50 in attendance at the annual holiday meeting/dinner. President Tom Chance, K9XV, opened the evening's program with a welcome to all those in attendance. Tom turned the podium over to Chuck Crist, W9IH, who presented the awards:

Certificates of appreciation were awarded to Bob Osterhous, W9PSE, for his untiring service acquiring door prizes for club meetings; Mary Brown, KC9FFO, for her continued work on the annual picnic committee (Bob nor Mary were able to attend). Certificates of appreciation were also awarded to Judy Gardner, AA9GW, for her work as club treasurer, and to Ken Bandy, KC9GLQ, for his work as club secretary and newsletter editor. The staff and management of the Indianapolis Training Center was thanked for their continuing support of the Indianapolis Radio Club, for their donating meeting space and radio room space for the club, also for their donation of coffee for our meetings. A new award, the "Picnic Chef" award was presented to Ed Dixon, KB9RPB, for his much appreciated work at the annual picnic. Ed's award was a pair of engraved BBQ tongs. Steve Gardner, N9XDT, received a certificate in appreciation of his work as the refreshment chairman for 2006 and 2007. The annual "Antique Award" was presented to Joe Lobraico, K9OOA, at the tender age of 81 years young. The award was

presented to Joe by last year's award winner, Bob Begeman, W9KVK, who started a new tradition with the award, in that each award winner is to add an item of memorabilia to the award before passing it on to the next winner. The Marconi Award for Amateur Excellence was presented to Hank Wolfla, K9LZJ, who by the way, has been licensed 50 years. Finally, the Amateur of the Year award was presented to Club Vice President Dave Miller, K9RTT, who has been licensed 48 years.

Next, Gerry Skoll, KC9DTB, gave us an update on his travels on the "Arabesque". He was part of a 3 person crew who was tasked with moving this 47 foot sailing ship from Onset, MA to Aruba. He had planned on making Maritime Mobile HF contacts while underway. Those plans had to be scrubbed due to the fact that there was corrosion on the antenna connection, even though the company that had prepared the ship said that that had been checked. The trip had other problems from the beginning, including being one person short on the crew. Normally this is done with a 4 person crew, but one person had the flu, therefore they were down to only 3 for this trip. The weather was another problem. They tried to time their trip between storm fronts, but still met with rough seas and other problems, including a Southwest Gale, a Northwest Gale, the Gulf Stream, and a floating fish net that got tangled up in the running gear of the ship. Also, the owner of the vessel, one of the crew, had an apparent heart attack (later determined to be an acute panic attack) about 73 miles from Bermuda. After the Bermuda authorities were contacted, and it was determined that their Med-Evac helicopter was broken, it was decided that the Arabesque would intersect with a cruise ship, the "Norwegian Majesty". They were able to intersect at sea, in rough seas, and transfer the patient to the larger ship for treatment. Gerry and the ship finally made it to Bermuda, with the Auto Pilot malfunctioning, and that is where the ship is still. They plan on going back out shortly after the first of the year to complete the trip to Aruba. Gerry assured us that he will personally inspect the antenna connections this time, and hopefully be making HF contacts while at sea.

Next, Hugh Resnick, of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, made his presentation about the ISO. It is the largest arts organization in Indiana. The ISO was founded in 1930. In the time since, it has gone from performing 5 or 6 concerts per year in the 30's to being one of 17 full time (52 week) Orchestras in the United States, with a \$27 million budget. The ISO has completed 3 European tours, in 1987, 1993, and 1997. The ISO has called the Hilbert Circle Theatre in downtown Indianapolis its home since 1984, and performs its Classical and Pops series concerts at the Theatre. In the summers, the ISO performs a series of concerts at the Conner Prairie Living History Museum, as well as a series of concerts throughout Central Indiana, in towns such as Danville, Columbus, and Lebanon. Through the 77 year history of the ISO, it has had 6 music directors, including Raymond Leppard, who served in that capacity from 1987 through 2001, and now serves as "Conductor Laureate", and Mario Venzago, who was named music director in 2002. Hugh said the ISO is striving to develop programs that will continue to attract new audiences, as well as maintain current ones.

Ham Radio News:

INDIANAPOLIS VE Testing Schedule for the first half of 2008

Saturday, January 5

Saturday, April 5

Saturday, June 7

Calling in advance to ensure testing availability is suggested but not mandatory.

SPONSOR: Indianapolis Radio Club (W9JP)

LOCATION: Indianapolis Training Center 2820 N. Meridian Street.

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COORDINATING VEC: American Radio Relay League (ARRL) VEC, Inc.

All testing at the Indianapolis Training Center starts at 9:00 am and the last test will be administered no later than 11:00 a.m.

CLASSES STARTING IN HENDRICKS COUNTY

Beginning on Wednesday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m., amateur radio classes will be held at the Danville Senior Services Center, 1201 Sycamore Lane, Danville, IN. Technician classes, as well as General and Extra upgrade classes will be available.

WORLD RADIO ARTICLE ABOUT USS INDIANAPOLIS

From Chuck Crist, W9IH:

In the January, 2008 issue of World Radio, look for a two page article on pages 44 and 45 entitled "Honor, Duty, Country". About the USS Indianapolis OTA and the Museum Ships events of 2005 and 2007.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED FOR 2 LOCAL HAMS

Heather Hinengar, KB9ZLB, and Joe Black, KC9HDH, have announced their engagement. No definite date set yet, probably first part of 2009 or 2010.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE INDY RADIO CLUB!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER

Bill Miller, KC9GCS

FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at <http://www.indyradioclub.org/rqstnewsletter.htm>.

SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at kc9glq@arrl.net

Signals from the Past:

From the December, 1976 Indianapolis Radio Club *Amachewer*:

FCC DEREGULATION: The FCC no longer needs to be told you are operating Mobile or Portable. This order has caused some problems as in DXCC where you get credit for working only fixed stations for credit. Also you should make sure you have an active QTH so you can reply within ten days should you be cited for a violation. Deleted also is the need to identify your station as being Mobile or Portable, ie, the SLANT/ is out.

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- Sat., March 8 - Wabash Valley ARA Hamfest
Wabash Valley Fairgrounds, Terre Haute
Go to <http://www.w9uuu.org> for more info.
 - Sat., March 29 – Columbus Amateur Radio Club
Columbus 4-H Fairgrounds Community Building
Go to <http://www.qsl.net/carc> for more info.
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Current IRC Officers:

- President: Tom Chance, K9XV - ..EMAIL k9xv@arrl.net
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